2025 ELECTIONS

Bethany Myers, Precinct 5

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Biographical

I have lived in Winchester since 2020, when my family and I relocated from Colorado following a job opportunity for my husband. I live with my husband, our children (ages 8 and 10) and my parents. As part of

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intergenerational household, I am sensitive to the needs not only of young families with children but also our older residents.

Professionally, I am a clinical social worker at Massachusetts General Hospital in the Division of Palliative Care and Geriatric Medicine where I am the Social Work and Spiritual Care Lead as well as the Bereavement Coordinator. I completed my Master of Social Work at University of Connecticut in Community Organizing and Macro Social Work Practice. I completed a Master of Divinity at Yale University and am ordained in the Episcopal tradition. Through my ordained ministry I am speaker and lecturer, serving as a member of the Healthy Congregations Task Force committed to identifying and cultivating strategies for well-being and vitality within communities.

In the Fall of 2024, I was elected Town Meeting Member by special election to represent Precinct 5 filling a partial vacancy. It was during this exposure to Town Meeting and the importance of local representative government that I was inspired to seek candidacy for a three-year term.

I thoroughly enjoy giving of my time to various volunteer opportunities throughout Winchester. My children attend Ambrose Elementary School and I am engaged with Parent to Parent and WinPAC (Winchester's Special Education Parent Advisory Council). I am active in our local community, supporting efforts through ENKA, WFEE, the Network for Social Justice and Mystic Valley Elder Services. I serve as a Den Leader with Scouts of America Troop #507. I am also a head coach with Winchester Soccer Club. I attend Parish of the Epiphany Episcopal Church where I am a church school teacher and volunteer. I volunteer with Rise Against Hunger and The Dwelling Place Soup Kitchen in Woburn. I have been one of the planners for our neighborhood block party in the Lakeview/Ravenscroft neighborhood.

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I would value your vote. As the mother of two young children I want my family – and all our families – to live in a true community. Community is about more than just good schools and safe streets, although those are essential – community is about a collective commitment to each other, for each other. At a time when so much seems broken in our country, I am committed to being a voice of integrity, care, and vision, to being your voice in Town Meeting to ensure our community is one that not only delivers for you, but also does so in a way that makes Winchester a place marked by kindness, compassion, and shared care for our town.

Town Meeting Candidate Specific Questions

I value transparency and open communication. I will commit to making myself available for conversation and dialogue around any decision that is made by Town Meeting and any vote that I cast as a Town Meeting Member. Prior to town meeting I plan to solicit feedback about upcoming issues by speaking with those in my precinct as well as those across Winchester. I am a presence in the community and I enjoy speaking with people, hopefully we can make open communication and dialogue a two way process.

One of Town Meeting's most important responsibilities is the stewardship of your money. We are entrusted with ensuring that every dollar the town spends is spent responsibly, transparently, and improves the quality of life in our town. So, I will evaluate spending proposals with care and commitment as one would a thoughtful household budget. We can't spend more than we have, and what we have, we need to ask – is it good value for money? Is this a sound and worthwhile investment? What tradeoffs are there if we spend money on this versus that? How can we get the most good out of each dollar we steward? I approach this fiduciary responsibility with an understanding that a budget expresses our shared goals and values and is a tool for making an impact on our community to help keep us strong, vital, and growing.

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Write-in votes, Winchester election results now final

Election 2025 is now over. The results from the March 22 townwide elections have been certified by the Town Clerk's office. Town Clerk MaryEllen Marshall released the final numbers March 27, with 17.3% of Winchester residents casting a vote in the election, or 2,951 votes, out of

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Newcomers win spots on Winchester Select Board, School Committee

It was the perfect Election Day — warm and sunny, with a steady stream of residents going into Winchester High School to cast their ballots. Preliminary results for the March 22 townwide election show 17.2 % of residents voted on Saturday. That's 2,933 votes cast, out of the town'

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Winchester Planning Board write-ins emerge ahead of Saturday election

Winchester voters head to the polls Saturday for municipal elections featuring contested races for Select Board and School Committee alongside an unexpected development — two write-in candidates vying for a Planning Board seat that initially have no contenders on the ballot. The March 22 election will take place at Winchester High

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Philip Frattaroli to be Winchester's 12th town moderator since 1915

It's a foregone conclusion. Philip Frattaroli will be Winchester's next town moderator. Sure, the townwide election is just days away, but Frattaroli is running unopposed for the seat being vacated by Heather von Mering, who has been in the role since March 2020. "I decided to take it

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Celebrate Women's History Month with Girls Leading Change

The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: To mark Women's History Month and International Women's Day in 2026, the Network for Social Justice is collaborating with club leaders from Winchester High School and members of the Community Health team from La Colaborativa in Chelsea and

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Winchester School Committee candidates bring contrasting backgrounds to Thursday forum

Two candidates for Winchester's School Committee will face voters at a forum as the district navigates a new literacy curriculum, budget pressures and questions about student mental health. Heather von Mering and John Bellaire are competing for an open seat on the School Committ
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‘Chicago: Teen Edition’ dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents “Chicago: Teen Edition,” a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents ‘Syldason: You Are Welcome Here’

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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